



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

Date: Friday 26th April 2024

General Information and Reminders

Punctuality

As you are aware, it is essential that all students arrive on time to school. We ask students to arrive on site for 8:40am, so that they are ready for the morning line up at 8:45am. They will be met and greeted by their tutor then given key messages and information to ensure they are equipped for the day.

We are aware that on rare occasions there may be extenuating circumstances for lateness. We ask students and parents/carers to help anticipate these situations, where possible and inform the school of any potential issues.

To work with both students and their parents, students are met by a member of staff if they are late. Lateness without a valid reason results in sanctions and communication home to ensure that parents/carers are aware of any issues. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Behaviour & Rewards

Well done to our students for continuing to THRIVE and improve the overall conduct of the school! Last term saw a reduction in the number of C3s and C4s for the third consecutive term, which is amazing!

Summer rewards trips will be announced next week and all students will get the opportunity to attend as long as they meet the following criteria:

1. Excellent attendance (95%+) from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024 (no more than 3 days absent)
2. Excellent conduct from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024
3. Excellent punctuality to school from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024

Mobile Phones

All students are expected to have their phone switched off and in their bags at all times on the school site, including at the beginning and the end of the day. From Monday 29th April, any phone not off and in a school bag will be confiscated, even if it is in trouser or blazer pockets. As always, this will include a same-day 20 minute detention and if the problem persists it may escalate to the point where parents are contacted and asked to collect the phone from school.

PTFA Meeting Tuesday 30th April 2024

A meeting of the Glossopdale School and Sixth Form Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) will be held on Tuesday 30th April in the Community Room (please enter via The Place). The meeting will begin at 3:45pm and will finish by 4:45pm. The purpose of the meeting is to update members on what's happened since the March meeting and to plan future events. It would be great to see you there. Many thanks, the PTFA Committee.



Mock Interviewers Needed

On 7th May 2024 at our Year 10 Thrive Day we will be running some mock interviews. Students will apply for a fictitious age appropriate job, and then be interviewed for that job. To make this a more realistic experience, we need some adults from all walks of life to carry out the interviews. The day will run from 9.15am – 3.00pm. If you could help us for a full or half a day it would be much appreciated. Staff will be around all day and there will be multiple interviews happening at the same time in a large classroom or in the theatre. If you, or someone you know could help, please contact Ms Dunkerley cdunkerley@glossopdale.school.



Lessons from Auschwitz

We have recently had two of our Year 12 students, Ella C and Katie E, take part in the ‘Lessons from Auschwitz’ programme run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. They did two seminars, spoke to a Holocaust survivor and had a full day visit to Auschwitz on March 13th. They have also just completed their programme with a presentation to Year 9 (who are currently doing the Holocaust topic in their History lessons) and this will be shown to all Year 9 classes over the coming few weeks. If you would like to view the full presentation please click on the following [link](#).

Hadfield St Andrew’s Open Day

Saturday 4th March marked the start of the cricket season for Hadfield St Andrew’s (as well as other local clubs). To further mark the (rain-delayed) start to the season, the club are hosting an ‘Open Day’ for youngsters aged 5-14 on Friday 3rd May from 6pm. The event is not just for children, or for those with children. This is a community-wide event with live music, bar and catering so we hope to see as many there as possible.





Key Stage 3

Year 8 Exams

Year 8 exams in English, Maths and Science are taking place next week on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th of April. Maths and Science exams will be held on Monday and English will be on Tuesday.

Year 9 Exams

Year 9 students underwent exams in their core subjects (English, Maths and Science) on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. One of the purposes of these exams is to begin to prepare students for working for extended periods of time in exam conditions. We'd like to congratulate the vast majority of students who followed all the expectations of the exam hall and demonstrated the THRIVE value of 'Responsibility'.

DofE Information Evening

We are holding a DofE information session on Wednesday 1st May from 6pm to 6.45pm in the Theatre. This is for all parents of students in Year 9 who are currently completing their Bronze Award. Your child should also attend the session as we will be talking through the planned practice and qualifying expeditions which they will complete this summer. Please complete [this form](#) if you have not already secured your place.

Key Stage 4

DofE Celebration Evening

Thank you to those parents who have secured a place at our DofE celebration evening on Wednesday 1st May. Light refreshments will be served from 6.30pm in the Heart, for a 7pm start in the theatre. This is for current Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students who have completed either Bronze or Silver Award. Please complete [this form](#) to secure your place if you have not already done so.

Year 10 Trial Exams

Year 10 Trial exams will start on June 7th. Students will sit exams for all of their GCSE and vocational courses. The data from these exams will be used to assess their progress as they transition into Year 11. It is therefore very important that they revise and prepare effectively. During Thrive Day on May 7th, all Year 10 students will be taught revision strategies and techniques which they can use as part of their revision. More details about revising can be found on the [website](#).

BTEC Final Performance

The Year 11 Dance students and sixth form Drama students showcased their BTEC final performances to parents on Wednesday evening. All the students have been working so hard to devise and choreograph their own group performances. The dance students had the stimulus of "Treasured Memories" whilst the sixth formers were given a quote about an Olympian to inspire their piece. The audience were really impressed with the quality of work. Please see a picture of a few of the dancers here:





Sixth Form

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening took place this week and it was great so many parents and students identifying key areas for improvement, particularly our Year 13 students who are preparing for their final exams next month.

Edge Hill University Visit

On Tuesday next week our Year 12 students will be visiting Edge Hill University where they will have an opportunity to learn about student life and take part in a workshop on writing impactful personal statements. This is part of our wider Personal Development Programme that has been focusing specifically on future pathways this term.

Rocket Launch

Four Year 12 students have entered the UKROC Youth Rocketry Competition where they are required to design and build a rocket capable of launching an egg 800ft in the air and landing it safely. Students will attend a regional final in York where they may progress through to the national final later this year.

Dates for your diary

Monday 29th April	Y8 Assessment week
Tuesday 30th April	Edge Hill University Visit (Sixth Form Students)
Wednesday 1st May	Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Y10 THRIVE Day
Wednesday 15th May	SEND Parent Forum 4.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 24th May	School closes at 3pm for half term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens to all.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form